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“European Host 2005”

*Program Offers Professional Development for Senior Civilians, Public Affairs Officers,
Teachers, Government and International Relations Officers*

HEIDELBERG – Space is available now for senior officers and civilians to participate in the “European Host 2005” program June 26 to July 7.

“European Host 2005” is a two-part orientation program sponsored by the Rhineland-Palatinate’s Ministry of Education, Women and Youth. The Berlin part of the program includes visits to historic sites in the German capital and lectures by a wide variety of educators and government officials.

As part of this program, the Rhineland-Palatinate Ministry will host a small group of school and university teachers from the continental United States and Canada who want to deepen their understanding of the European Union, Germany’s reunification and the difficulties involved in it. U.S. senior military and civilian personnel interested in gaining an insight into those issues may participate in this program.

The first part of “European Host 2005” will be held at Mainz, the capital of Rhineland-Palatinate, June 26 - July 2; the second part will take place at Berlin, July 3 – 7. Army in Europe personnel who want to do only the Berlin portion, may link up with the seminar group at Mainz on July 3 prior to the group train travel to Berlin.

Program – Part 1:

June 26, Mainz:

Welcome dinner

June 27, Mainz:

City tour of Mainz, capital of Rhineland-Palatinate;
Visit to the state assembly Rhineland-Palatinate;
Visit to the “Kupferberg” champagne producer’s
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June 28, Mainz:	International education program at the Ministry of Education Visit to the Transatlantic Institute Visit to Johannes Gutenberg University Visit to ZIS-Center for Intercultural Studies and Workshop on intercultural communication
June 29, Frankfurt:	Visit to the European Central Bank
June 30, Strasbourg:	Visit to the European Parliament
July 1, Ingelheim/Bingen:	Visit to “Boehringer” – a global pharmaceutical company Hildegard von Bingen – holistic medicine from the twelfth century
July 2, Rhine river tour:	Boat trip and farewell dinner at a typical Local winery

Program - Part 2:

July 3, Berlin:	Crystallization point of German history, an introduction by Mr. Nikolaus Bernau, journalist
July 4, Berlin:	City tour Visit to the Reichstag, the German parliament
July 5, Berlin:	Visit to the Federal Foreign Office, North America Department
July 6, Potsdam:	International relations after 1945 The role of the U.S. – from a German perspective Visit to Cecilienhof; guided tour of the palace, the historic site of the 1945 Potsdam Conference Sanssouci: the summer palace of Frederic the Great
July 7, Berlin:	Visit to the Office of the European Union/European Education Programs/Boat trip of the inner city/Farewell dinner at the Nikolai Quarters

The “European Host” Program is especially suited for U.S. senior public affairs officers, government relations advisors, teachers, and international relations officers. The working language is English.

Sending organizations must provide temporary duty orders and provide the funding for the attendee’s travel expenses to Mainz, and incidentals, which are not included in the seminar fees in the amount of EUR 1250.00 for both pieces of the seminar. The single room supplement is \$450. The seminar fees include two meals a day, accommodations (double room), and the train ride from Mainz to Berlin and return. The seminar fees will be reduced accordingly for individuals who want to do only one portion of the program.

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Personnel interested in attending the “European Host 2005” Program may contact Mrs. Elfi Thompson M.A., International Coordinator, Ministry of Education, Women and Youth, Mainz, phone: 06131-162905, email: Elfi.Thompson@mbfj.rlp.de, for further information and registration. Please contact Mrs. Thompson not later than May 25, 2005, in order to be considered for participation in this program.

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